GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1805
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JAIL REFORMS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of Rs. 155.14 crores has been sanctioned by the Government under the Perspective Plan 2002-2007 for jail reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the action plan for the year 2005-06 has been received by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (d): A Scheme of Modernisation of Prisons to be implemented from 2002-2003 to 2006-07 with an outlay of Rs. 1800 crore was introduced in 2002-03 on a cost sharing basis. The share of the Government of India is 75% and the share of the State Governments is 25%. The assistance is being provided for construction of new jails, repairs and renovation of existing jails, providing water and sanitation facilities in the jails and for construction of staff quarters for prison personnel. So far Rs. 601 crore (arrpoximately) has been released to the State Governments by Government of India. The State Governments have been requested to furnish their Annual Action Plan for 2005-06.